Appl. No. 09/508,870
Amdt. dated August 8, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 6, 2005

PATENT

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A schedule management system comprising a plurality of terminal devices interconnected over a communication link for performing travel expense reimbursement processing, wherein

at least one of said plurality of terminals serves as a management terminal device which manages schedules of users managed in said system on an external storage apparatus;

each of said plurality of terminal devices other than said management terminal device serves as a schedule inputting terminal having an inputting device for inputting schedule information;

said schedule management system comprising:

an external storage apparatus for storing schedule information having classification data on location of a business event and pre-selected schedule status data inputted from said inputting device of said schedule inputting terminal and travel expense reimbursement information indicating whether or not travel expense has been reimbursed, the schedule information including business trip schedule information and non-business trip schedule information; and

a computer readable medium including:

code for determining whether or not a given item of said schedule information relates to said business trip schedule information or said non-business trip schedule information based on said ~~status and~~ classification data, wherein said classification data indicates whether or not the business event involved a business trip,

        <u>code for determining whether or not the business trip indicated by said classification data was an authorized business trip based on said status data,</u>

Appl. No. 09/508,870
Amdt. dated August 8, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 6, 2005

PATENT

code for comparing said travel expense reimbursement information and said business trip schedule information with each other to search for travel expense information that is associated with authorized business trips that has-have not been reimbursed, and

code for determining whether or not a user of one of the terminals has indicated that the user wishes to reimburse the travel expense information that has not been reimbursed.

2.   (Previously Presented) A schedule information management system according to claim 1, wherein said travel expense reimbursement information includes first information identifying a person for whom the schedule information has been prepared and second information indicating the date of a business trip, said schedule information including third information identifying a person for whom the schedule information has been prepared and fourth information indicating the date of a business trip.

3.   (Previously Presented) A schedule information management system according to claim 2, wherein the computer readable medium includes code for searching said first information and third information that corresponds to each other, and code for searching said schedule information having the fourth information which indicates a date that precedes a reference date and said travel expense reimbursement information corresponding to said schedule information that has not been completed.

4. ʼ   (Currently Amended) A user terminal provided in a schedule management system, the user terminal being one of a plurality of user terminals connected to a LAN, the plurality of user terminals being operable to manage schedules of a plurality of users, said user terminals comprising:

an inputting means for inputting business trip schedule information including first classification data and first status data and non-business trip schedule information including second classification data and second status data, said first classification data indicating location of a business meeting, said first status data indicating the business meeting that has been authorized;

a schedule information editing means for editing the business trip schedule information obtained from said inputting means to information in a form for management on an external storage apparatus;

a schedule information storage means for storing the edited schedule information onto said external storage apparatus;

a searching means for searching business trip schedule information from the external storage apparatus based on said first and second classification data, so that said non-business trip schedule information is not extracted;

an unreimbursed travel expense information search means for collating the travel expense reimbursement information stored on said external storage apparatus and said business trip schedule information stored on said external storage apparatus with each other to search for unreimbursed travel expenses;

a schedule and message display/reply means for displaying the business trip schedule information and the unreimbursed information on a screen of the terminal;

displaying means for displaying a query to a user as to whether or not the unreimbursed information is to be reimbursed;

a travel expense reimbursement information inputting means for inputting travel expense reimbursement information when unreimbursed travel expenses are detected;

a travel expense reimbursement information editing means for editing the travel expense reimbursement information obtained from said reimbursement information inputting means to information in a record form or a file for transmission; and

means for transmitting the record or file edited by said travel expense reimbursement information editing means to a person or section in charge of processing thereof.

5.   (Currently Amended) A schedule management system according to claim 4, wherein said travel expense reimbursement information search means searches for the travel expense reimbursement information stored on said external storage means based on information identifying a person or information identifying a trip destination, and so that said travel expense

Appl. No. 09/508,870
Amdt. dated August 8, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 6, 2005

PATENT

reimbursement information inputting means can input travel expense reimbursement information based on the travel expense reimbursement information in the past.

6-7.   (Canceled).

8.   (Currently Amended) A schedule management system comprising a plurality of terminal devices interconnected over a communication link for performing travel expense reimbursement processing, wherein

at least one of said plurality of terminals serves as a management terminal device which manages schedules of users managed in said system on an external storage apparatus;

each of said plurality of terminal devices other than said management terminal device serves as a schedule inputting terminal having an inputting device for inputting schedule information;

said schedule management system comprising:

an external storage apparatus for storing a plurality of schedule information entries inputted from said inputting device of said schedule inputting terminal and travel expense reimbursement information indicating whether or not travel expense has been reimbursed, said schedule information entries including a plurality of business meeting entries of first type and a plurality of business meeting entries of second type, said entries of first type relating to business meetings that result in incurring business ~~expenditure~~expenses and said entries of second type relating to business meetings that do not result in incurring business ~~expenditure~~expenses, each schedule information entry having classification data that indicates a location of the business meeting; and

a computer readable medium including:

code for extracting only said entries of first type from said plurality of said schedule information entries using said classification data, said classification indicating whether or not a given entry of said schedule information relates to a business meeting that resulted in incurring a business ~~expenditure~~expense.

Appl. No. 09/508,870
Amdt. dated August 8, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 6, 2005

PATENT

9.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein said computer medium further includes:

code for determining whether or not a given entry of first type relating to business meeting that resulted in incurring a business expense relates to an authorized business meeting based on status data,

code for identifying one or more of said extracted entries of first type for which the business ~~expenditure~~expenses have not been reimbursed and relate to authorized business meeting, and

code for determining whether or not a user of one of the terminals has indicated that the user wishes to reimburse the business ~~expenditure~~expenses for said one or more entries of first type.

10.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8, wherein said schedule information entries includes status data that provide information as to whether or not a given schedule information entry has been approved.

11.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the business ~~expenditure~~expenses are travel ~~expenditure~~expenses.

12.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the classification data are used to determined whether or not the corresponding business meeting involved a business ~~expenditure~~expense.

13.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the business ~~expenditure~~expense is travel ~~expense~~expenses.

14.   (New) The system of claim 8, wherein said computer readable medium further includes:

code for determining whether or not a given entry of first type relating to business meeting relates to an authorized business meeting based on status data.